



# *Special Town Meeting*

*October 6, 2021*

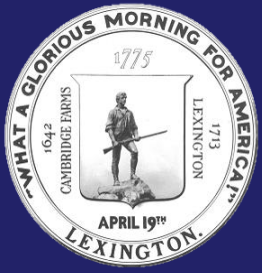
*Article 13*

*Amend Zoning Bylaw — Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Permitting*



# Why this change?

- Article 8 (Fall 2020): *That the Town:*
  - a. *consider racial and other equity impacts in all decisions and planning processes in order to work toward dismantling systemic racism and white privilege;*
  - b. *take action to integrate racial equity tools and concepts into routine operations and policy-making; ...*  
*all with the goal of making Lexington a truly equitable community.*
- Article 30 (Spring 2021): *That the Town resolves to:*
  - a. *fully consider disability rights in all decisions and planning processes in order to work toward full inclusion;*
  - b. *integrate concepts of inclusion, equity, accommodations and universal design into routine operations and policy-making; ...*
- Start addressing a history of economic exclusion through zoning
- ZBA finds special permit criteria difficult to apply



# What is changing?

- State the Town's intent that the Zoning Bylaw be interpreted and applied without discriminatory effects.
- Address equity impacts in permitting and remove consideration of criteria which encourage discrimination.
- Simplify special permit and site plan review criteria
- Replace the definition of "family" with a more inclusive definition of "household" conforming with federal law.
- Permit more than one resident in a rooming unit.

